

Vocabulary	Definition	In Context
1. kerosene-		
2. chafed-		
3. carcasses-		
4. cereus plant-		

Research Topics	Notes
1. Dionne Quintuplets Sources:	
2. Kilauea Sources:	

Questions	Responses (Responses should be thorough and complete)
1. The summer starts out full of hope; however, an accident changes everything. Who does Billie blame for the accident? How would you feel if you were Billie? Use a simile to express this emotion.	
2. What creature is responsible for the damage in <i>Devoured</i> ? Explain how this is meaningful considering what happened soon after.	

<p>3. Billie Joe's Ma gave birth to a boy that died soon after. Thinking back to the very first poem, how do you think Billie Joe's dad felt about this?</p>	
<p>4. How would you react or feel if you were Billie Joe and overheard the women saying such things about you?</p>	
<p>5. After the accident, the relationship changed between Billie and her dad. How?</p> <p>Explain how this change makes sense to you or explain how this change doesn't make sense to you.</p>	
<p>6. Why do you think Pa is really digging the hole beside the house?</p>	

Additional notes:

Activity
On the timeline below, describe the chronological events that led to the Depression and the Dust Bowl according to <i>The Path of Our Sorrow</i> .
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What does the phrase, “Such a sorrow doesn’t come suddenly, there are a thousand steps to take before you get there,” mean?

Discussion Topics	Notes on My First Thoughts	Synthesis of Class
1. Billie Joe says that she can almost forgive her father for taking the money and getting drunk, but not for the pail of kerosene. Discuss forgiveness and dealing with feelings of resentment.		
2. Discuss how Billie Joe’s father handled the tragedy. Is there a way that you see he could have handled it better? How?		

STAAR Writing

This section of the book is a lot to take in. Sometimes in the face of tragedy we want to point fingers or respond in unhealthy ways. Sometimes problems just seem to compound with no end in sight, but the world keeps turning and we keep on breathing. Sometimes we don't understand why we go through such horrible or tragic experiences until we find ourselves stronger on the other side. On a sheet of STAAR paper, write how you would comfort a friend going through a bad time or write how you could or have found comfort in the face of tragedy. (23-26 lines)

You may use the space below to plan your essay.

Additional Notes from Section: